

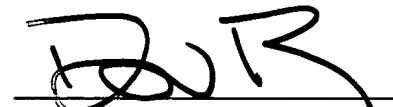
Comments and Response

1. Applicant received an office action dated May 7, 2002 from the Examiner and duly filed a response on August 6, 2002. Applicant is now filing a supplemental response and adding new claims 9-15. New claims 9 – 15 are drafted in method form and largely correspond to the apparatus claims 1 – 5. Applicant has not added new matter with any of the new claims. Applicant believes these new claims are allowable over the references of record based on the reasons provided in the August 6, 2002 amendment and response.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, clearly and patentably distinguish over the cited references of record and as such are to be deemed allowable. Such allowance is hereby earnestly and respectfully solicited at an early date. If the Examiner has any suggestions or comments or questions, calls are welcomed at the phone number below.

Although it is not anticipated that any fees are due or payable, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. **50-1147**.

Respectfully submitted,



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